

# House File 2359 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2158)

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning veterans, including expenditures from the  
2 veterans trust fund and authorization of lottery games for  
3 veterans.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
5 TLSB 5941HV 82  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 35A.13, subsection 5, Code Supplement  
1 2 2007, is amended to read as follows:  
1 3 5. The minimum balance of the trust fund required prior to  
1 4 expenditure of moneys from the trust fund is ~~fifty million~~  
1 5 ~~dollars. However, for the fiscal period beginning July 1,~~  
1 6 ~~2006, and ending June 30, 2009, the minimum balance of the~~  
1 7 ~~trust fund required prior to expenditure of moneys from the~~  
1 8 ~~trust fund is five million dollars. Once the minimum balance~~  
1 9 is reached, the interest and earnings on the fund and any  
1 10 moneys received under subsection 3, paragraph "a", are  
1 11 appropriated to the commission to be used to achieve the  
1 12 purposes of this section.  
1 13 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 99G.9A LIMITED SERIES OF LOTTERY  
1 14 GAMES PROVIDING AID FOR VETERANS.  
1 15 The chief executive officer, in consultation with the  
1 16 board, shall develop and conduct two additional instant  
1 17 scratch and two additional pull tab lottery games annually to  
1 18 provide moneys for the benefit of veterans and their spouses  
1 19 and dependents. The moneys received from the sale of tickets  
1 20 for each lottery game shall be deposited in a special account  
1 21 in the lottery fund. Notwithstanding section 99G.39, after  
1 22 payment of the prizes, the remaining moneys shall be  
1 23 transferred to the veterans trust fund established pursuant to  
1 24 section 35A.13. However, if the balance of the veterans trust  
1 25 fund is fifty million dollars or more, the remaining moneys  
1 26 shall be appropriated to the department of veterans affairs  
1 27 for the purposes of the department.

### EXPLANATION

1 28 This bill concerns the veterans trust fund and lottery  
1 29 games for veterans.  
1 30 Code section 35A.13, establishing the veterans trust fund,  
1 31 is amended to provide that the minimum balance before  
1 32 expenditures from interest and earnings on the fund can be  
1 33 made is \$5 million. Currently, the minimum balance required  
1 34 until June 30, 2009, is \$5 million and the minimum balance  
2 1 required after that date is \$50 million.  
2 2 The bill also provides that the chief executive officer of  
2 3 the lottery authority shall develop and conduct two additional  
2 4 instant scratch and two additional pull tab lottery games  
2 5 annually for the benefit of veterans. Moneys received from  
2 6 the games, less prizes, shall be deposited in the veterans  
2 7 trust fund, currently controlled by the commission of veterans  
2 8 affairs, for the benefit of veterans and their spouses and  
2 9 dependents.  
2 10 Once the balance in the veterans trust fund reaches \$50  
2 11 million, the bill provides that proceeds from the games shall  
2 12 be appropriated to the department of veterans affairs.  
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